



IN THE AVOCADO GROVES OF QUERETARO.

(*Persea americana* Mill. See S. P. I. No. 46984.)

The canyada, a narrow valley in the suburbs of the city of Queretaro, is one of the greatest avocado regions of Mexico. For a length of 2 miles it is completely filled with avocado trees. Many of them are extremely old and large, but even the oldest produce fruit regularly. The cultural conditions under which they exist can be seen in this illustration. Water is turned over the soil every two or three weeks from small irrigating canals which run through the valley. The trees are all seedlings of the hardy Mexican race. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Queretaro, Mexico, July 23, 1918; P17532FS.)